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AMENDMENT

Sir:

This is responsive to the Ex parte Quayle Office Action dated August 12,

2003.

Amendments to the Abstract are reflected on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.

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Responsive to the Office Action Dated August 12, 2003

Please replace the Abstract with the following amended Abstract:

F1 A gaming machine is provided for playing several types of games. For example, ~~scratch-off and pull-tab tickets, or scratch-off, pull-tab and lotto tickets can be sold from the same machine.~~ The winnings from one game can be used to create credits in the machine for buying tickets in a different game from the same machine. Preferably, ~~all instant winner tickets move past transparent windows so they can be seen while being dispensed.~~ A separator/drive module is provided which can be used in a number of different configurations. It has a rotary helical separator member which spans multiple channels to separate tickets in any of the channels. A single drive source is the housing rotates the separate drives in each channel. Preferably, ~~tickets in strips move upwardly past the windows to simplify the dispensing mechanism and the loading of tickets in the machine.~~ An ejector mechanism which reverses the direction of movement of separated tickets to inhibit theft also is provided.
